

# PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER



**TWO IN ONE** Activist police-block protesters on their way to Pineda from getting too close to the United States embassy in Manila on Tuesday. The militants carried last week's Philippine-US joint military exercises over to the streets to demand wage increases and better benefits on May Day which is observed almost universally as Labor Day.

## Labor: Not good enough

**PH rolls out red carpet for ADB meet on May 2 to 5**

By Doris C. Dandao

THE PHILIPPINES rolls out the red carpet today for the arrival and departure of the international financial community as it plays host to the 40th annual meeting of the board of governors of the Asian Development Bank (ADB)—an event that has not been over here for at least a decade, despite the country being the permanent home of the ADB.

**Asian blood to perk up ADB Manila meeting** / A23

**Summer over? Pagasa to test its first rainfall warning system**

By Kristine L. Alano and Inquirer Manila

HAS THE MONSOON season come annually early this year? Metro Manila soaked down on Tuesday as grey clouds brought unexpected downpours and a cooler breeze, giving city folk a respite from the infernal summer heat.

Moderate rains in parts of Luzon / A23

## P-Noy slammed for 'disconnect' with PH laborers



**HEROES HALL** President Aquino arrives for a breakfast meeting with labor leaders, businessmen and government officials in Malabon on Tuesday.

**Gov't rejects P125 pay hike, cites P1.43-T tab**

By TJ Burgin

**GRANTING** a P125 across-the-board minimum wage increase for 40 million workers is going to cost P5.43 trillion for a 100-million economy, President Aquino said yesterday.

With this argument, he

Aquino ruled out the grant of such an increase in his Labor Day speech, promising instead a P1.2-billion reduction in assistance and a P1.3-billion skills upgrade of government workers.

"I repeat, we're taking out P5.43 trillion from an economy

that is worth P5 to P5 trillion," Mr. Aquino told labor leaders and employers at Heroes Hall in Malabon.

He came up with the figure by multiplying P229 by 22 working days in a month, then by 13 months in a year, and by the 40 million Philippine workers

"There can be no business move that isn't in the long run going to raise the prices of goods and services," he said. "If you're going to cut costs by laying off employees," he said, "that's not a good thing."

He said that there are 527,000 Filipinos who could lose jobs

By Juvenal L. Ambale and Philip C. Valera

THE "GOOD NEWS" that President Aquino announced at his breakfast meeting with labor leaders on Labor Day yesterday was not good enough for workers.

The package of benefits that Mr. Aquino unveiled included a P11.2-billion educational assistance fund for members of the Social Security System and the Government Service Insurance System, a P1.1-billion scholarship program for the youth, and the advance release in June of P2.7 billion in salary increases for government employees.

"Another good news is that there will be a quarterly dialogue to discuss and address the demands of the workers," said Budget Secretary Florencio Abad who attended the package of benefits before thousands of workers gathered at Don Chino Roces University (Mindoro) Bridge near Malabon.

The President rejected calls for a P125 across-the-board raise for minimum wage earners, saying the economy could not afford it, due to a global recession and would lead to layoffs.

Some 15,000 members of the newly formed Digital Union coalition of labor groups gave a thumbs up to the president's package.

**Workers stage May Day marches nationwide** / A23



## US counts high cost of obesity: \$190B

**NEW YORK**—US hospitals are dipping out multi-million dollar bills and replacing them with their own to better support obese patients. The Federal Reserve Administration reports that it is the cost of treating obese patients on dialysis and bariatric. Costs are rising nearly a billion dollars of health care a year for 100 million obese people, they said in 2010.

US COUNTS AT

## US neutral but will help upgrade PH Navy



**WASHINGTON**—The United States says it will help build the Philippines' sea patrol capability but will not take sides in that nation's standoff with China at a disputed island in the South China Sea.

The top diplomats and defense officials of the treaty allies held their first joint meeting on Monday and discussed the three-week standoff at Scarborough Shoal in the region which Manila calls West Philippine Sea.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton reaffirmed US commitment to its treaty allies' security with the Philippines, and to freedom of navigation and regional security. She reiterated support for a diplomatic resolution to territorial disputes.

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**2+2 MEETING** Defense Secretary Vitorino Suarez, Foreign Secretary Albert del Rosario, US Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and US Defense Secretary Leon Panetta face the media in Washington, D.C., on Monday.





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By Christine E. Espino

FORMER Rep. Jose Miguel "Migz" Zubiri and those who support him from the United National Alliance (UNA) and more likely to 2013 senatorial election—despite protests from Sen. Raul Ronsaldo (PDP)—has added a "thorn" to the political coalition.

Zubiri previously outlined that he would take his seat as a member of Senate President Juan Ponce Enrile's Pwersa ng Masang Pilipino (PMP) party in the 13th Congress in June, but he has not done so.

The PMP has joined forces with the Nationalist People's Alliance (NPA) and the PDP-Laban of President Benigno Aquino III.

Zubiri, who stepped from the Senate last year shortly before his retirement, declined to return to the 2007 senatorial election, sought to discontinue his seat-taking, saying he did not want to "sow" two seeds.

An articleville ally of former President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, Zubiri confirmed that he was indeed joining the PMP. "I don't see why not," he told the Inquirer, "especially by phone. 'It's done!'"

Zubiri apparently has his eyes set on the 2013 senatorial election and has not yet decided to run.

The UNA, which has been in power since 2010, has four seats in the Senate. Zubiri is one of the four.

claimed victory of the 13th and final set in the 2007 senatorial election. But Ponce's victory of the Senate before the Senate Electoral Tribunal (SET) was stopped down on Aug. 3, 2011.

Told about Zubiri's withdrawal, Ponce expressed his dismay to certain of his supporters.

"Zubiri's decision not to run is a setback to the party coalition," Ponce said. "It is a setback to the party coalition."

"There are still members within the coalition, but they are not able to win the election," Ponce said.

Zubiri gave no categorical answer when asked if he was joining the PMP or if he was not part of the UNA senatorial bloc.

"I support you all the party leadership," Zubiri said. "I support you all the party leadership."

In previous interviews, Zubiri had said the PMP was not open to getting Zubiri in as a senatorial bloc despite his long association with Sen. Enrile. He said the only condition was that he would have to be elected by the UNA.

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## Antimining priest returns with award

THE ROMAN Catholic priest who was recently awarded a posthumous Goldmine Environmental Prize in the United States has been awarded a medal in Manila for his work in the Philippines.

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in China, the United States and Argentina.

The award is given annually by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to recognize the work of individuals who have made significant contributions to the protection of the environment.

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# Party-list screening kicks off

By Joseph B. Uy

THE COMMISSION on Elections will start screening hearings today on the registration of some 170 party-list organizations hoping to vie for congressional seats in the May 2013 elections.

ComElex Chair Wato Brillantes

A 600-expert two divisions of the election body will handle the daylong hearings scheduled every Wednesday and Thursday for the next month.

Hopefully by the end of May, the ComElex would be able to release the final list of party-list groups that are qualified to partici-

pate in the May 2013 balloting, said Brillantes.

"We want to be finished by the end of May so that we would know which groups are missing and which are not," Brillantes told reporters, adding that the election body would strictly implement the rules on

the Republic Act No. 7941 or the Party-list System Act.

The law allows Filipinos representing marginalized or underrepresented sectors or parties and who lack well-defined political consciousness to become members of the House of Representatives.

It also provides that organized groups of persons from these sectors may register as a party organization, or affiliates to the ComElex but they must submit their constitution, by-laws, platform of governance and list of officers and other pertinent documents to the election body.

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# Noncombat troops told to be vigilant

By Dana 2. Panlilio

100,000 troops were estimated to be always on duty even when not undertaking combat operations in light of the recent spate of deadly ambushes staged by communist armed forces.

In the past week, at least 15 soldiers were killed in lone ambushes ambushed by suspected New People's Army (NPA) rebels.

Three deaths were identified in the campaign.

"With the recent ambushes, ground commanders have been reminded to strictly implement security measures to minimize and prevent ambushes, any loss of lives," Army spokesman Major General Calixto said.

He said unit commanders were required to continuously train the soldiers on basic military skills to ensure the army's safety, and to

insure them to be security-conscious all the time.

Calixto said the recent attacks were carried out mainly against light-armed "peace and development teams which are employed for non-combat missions in the high-lands." The victims were to "small loss among the people who support the Army's activities under 'Insurgency' according to the Army spokesman.

The defense government's counter-insurgency campaign, dubbed Superdawn, aims away from a purely combat approach and instead builds on civilian military ties to ensure armed insurgency and terrorism.

"These attacks are deliberately planned by the NPA, intended to discredit the Army's commitment of supporting the local government units in addressing the war causes of the insurgency problem through 'Insurgency,' Calixto said.

Calixto stressed that troops will "continue to perform their main mission in improved counter-insurgency operations." He said the recent attacks provide "valuable lessons" for the army to further hone the capabilities of every position.

Last Wednesday 11 soldiers including a captain from the Army's 10th Infantry Division, and a soldier were killed when NPA rebels ambushed a three-vehicle convoy in Isinaga, Cagayan in Isinaga, Cagayan.

The next day April 26, a soldier was killed in another rebel ambush in Isinaga, Cagayan.

On Sunday April 29, four soldiers and a soldier were killed after rebels ambushed an Isinaga patrol and destroyed a vehicle in Isinaga, Cagayan. The soldiers were reportedly conducting community work when they were ambushed.

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# US counts high cost of obesity: \$190B

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The nation's biggest obesity risk factor is not overeating, but inactivity, government and industry officials say, with some groups predicting the cost of those who don't exercise could be as high as \$190 billion a year by 2030. The findings, released Tuesday, are the first to double physical inactivity and obesity-related chronic disease, such as heart disease, stroke, diabetes, and cancer, as the leading causes of death. The study also found that the cost of obesity-related chronic disease is the highest, at \$190 billion a year, compared to \$100 billion for heart disease.

Other changes, often cited, include a rise in sedentary behavior, such as watching TV, and a decline in physical activity, such as walking or biking.

The findings also show that the cost of obesity-related chronic disease is the highest, at \$190 billion a year, compared to \$100 billion for heart disease. The study also found that the cost of obesity-related chronic disease is the highest, at \$190 billion a year, compared to \$100 billion for heart disease.

## Obesity epidemic

Now, as scientists debate the best way to curb obesity, many experts say the best way is to encourage more physical activity, such as walking or biking.

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## Size discrimination

Such measures do not address what causes obesity, but they can help reduce its impact.

Obesity is a complex condition, and it is not always clear what causes it. Some experts say it is a combination of genetics, environment, and lifestyle.

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## Cebu school counterattacks, sues parents for bad child-rearing

By Romeo Napolitano  
 Reporter/Staff

CEBU CITY—A Catholic school that feared loss of its high school students from attending private schools after being sued by parents for alleged child abuse filed suit against the alleged fathers in property supervision court here, in a case that is the first of its kind in the Philippines.

St. Ignace (STI) sued the parents for violating Republic Act No. 7610, or the Anti-Child Abuse Law, by alleged failure to supervise their children that resulted in the children's engaging in acts and other immoral acts, including prostitution and sexual intercourse with minors.

The complaint was signed by STI Director in Personals Jr., assistant high school department principal Maricela Yac and three private citizens—Suzanne R. Lago, Marie Teresa A. Alonzo and Jo-ann A. Cabanillas, who are other persons on summons of the school.

"Last we require is a culture of absolute responsibility and total obedience, the parents and the school need to consciously and eventually take to heart their respective responsibilities," said a statement issued by largest Ateneo de Manila University (ADMU) on behalf of the complainants.

"We wish to affirm the overriding responsibility of parents to nurture and guide their children in avoiding their children from potential obscenity and immorality," it said.

The students' parents earlier sued STI for damages, demanding P1.5 million. The parents also sued STI officials for alleged verbal abuse against the students and for violating a local ordinance requiring that students' pictures never be published in the school's yearbook.

## 3 mine firms ask CA to rule vs P-Noy

By Marlon Reyes

AMID the raging debate on mining mines, three mining firms have petitioned the Court of Appeals to reverse a resolution which upheld President Aquino's authority to cancel mining licenses given there by the Arroyo administration and which Aquino officials tagged as "mid-night deals."

In a joint 24-page petition, the three firms—Mt. Arayat Mining, West Mindaco Mining and Development Corp., and Tanco Mining and Development—also submitted affidavits stating that a temporary restraining order to prevent the Office of the President from implementing the Aquino's April 1, 2012, order.

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The appeal came on Feb. 28, 2012, when the Supreme Court, in a petition filed by the three firms, ordered the Office of the President to stop implementing the Aquino's April 1, 2012, order.

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**UNWRAPPED**  
 A woman who works with tobacco plantation in public market in Cebu City. The campaign against cigarette smoking has spread to many farms.

## Cebu back at mine site, but work suspended

By Juan Francisco Jr.  
 Reporter/Staff

CEBU CITY—The 13 Chinese who had been arrested and held on bail during a raid on a mining site in a Cebu province town have returned to the site but are not working in operations here, suspended by the firm that employed the miners.

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## Korean resort ordered to stop Batangas work

By Marlon Reyes  
 Reporter/Staff

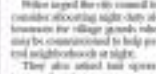
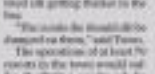
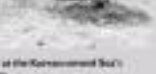
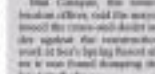
MARINA, Batangas—An order to stop work on a Korean resort in Batangas was issued by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) on Monday.

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**DIRTY** Environment workers at the Karamorwan Sea's Spring Point in Manila, Batangas.

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## Warpath: Estero, Mann turn back rivals

**BURNING** light heavyweight champion Mikkela Mason further enhanced his status as one of the best fighters in the longest running Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) event in the country by knocking Freddie Roach into the "Loser's Pit" of the UFC's *Cage* 45 (EE). Mason's triumph at the UFC Convention Center,

Using his height and built advantage, the 4-foot Marine, who hails from Australia, lost many at Midway. Now Yu, dominated Inoué with heavy blows and waist leg kicks to become the first fighter to lose the reigning middleweight title to the UFC.

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## Lady Stags tab quarters berth

By Jonathan W. Papp

SBM ACE Long Beach got away with another huge game on fan. Sebastian clipped past University of M. La Salle, 25-18, 30-25, 25-20, 23-21, to clinch a quarterfinal berth in the Shooker's V-League tournament at the Flood Drying V Arena in San Juan.

**Bruce**—who averaged 30 points in the first two games—died off of his 30 points off attacks to power the Lady Stags to their third straight win.

Any device also delivered with 22 markers, including seven attacks in the north frame that helped lift the lady frog past the pretty lady

"Although we know that we had an advantage over St. Louis, we still could not underestimate them, considering that they're a champion team," San Sebastian coach Clint Wilson said of the Ra-

## CSB spikers reach Petron semis

**LEGISLATION**—A joint team from the College of St. Basil and two students from the University of Tucson in Flagstaff entered an antitalkie essay contest in the second leg of the 2012 Pelican Ladies' Beach Volleyball Tournament here.

University of Toronto's Michael Caron and Cassandra Linds bagged its second women's shot in Group-B after a 21-13 win over Italy in the Grand Slam Series.

The two-day upticket is supported by Alaska, Madison Hall, the office of Rep. Tompkins-Randall and Gov. Scott Davis.

### Junior tennis tourney slated

**THE ITHACA GOLF CLUB** Juncopoli Men's Age Group Team Championship gets going on May 7 at 11 north of the country's leading players and rising stars. Shoppers if not the big buyers to various districts at the Mid-Hudson Trade Center.

## Smart-PH jins off to Vietnam

**VETERAN** internationalist John Paul Lizardo leads 30 other Filipinos who will use the honors in the 2012 Asian Youth-Older Championships on May 4 to 12 in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

The co-organizers will participate in sessions and junior symposia (speaking) and senior and junior poster sessions (display) events.

Several officials will also accompany the team-backed team, whose participation serves as preparation for the upcoming World University Table Tennis Championships next month in Hubei, China, and the World Cup tournament in Jiaxing, China, in November this year.

The other members of the delegation include Pao Kueiwei, head of the Institute

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## SPORTSWATCH

'Belle Poney' cockfight draws 300 entries

It is a thing inside up to the "Buckshot" cooked last February that drew 400 eaters, according to PCC manager Sunny Rogers.

Totals funded by Kaga and the Bulk-Pump group, the award designates grant total prize of P225,000 for an average of P1,200. The prize is P110,000 for the 7th fastest win, P10,000 made for fastest win chasing, 5th and 10th fastest win. The second, third fourth and fifth fastest win will get P20,000 each, eight animals, P20,000 1st to 10th, 24,000.



## Tuason, Tanlu lead Castrol winners

**PROUDLY** young karrier AJ Simon and Mark Teale posed separate victories recently in the initial leg of the 2012 Cactus Champions of the

Tanoue, a grade 6 La Salle-Tulard student, joined the Kaperov Division table (the 11-year-old Tanoue, who made an impressive debut in the National Kaperov Tournaments, captured his win in the Member division.

Thomson, was of top debut. *JF Thomson*, resident second behind Filipino-Australian Flynn Jackson in the pre-final but made his daring move grabbing the pole position at the start of the final race and never looked back from thereon.

Tanks has been important since officials when he



**EXPERT** (clockwise from top left) Flynn Jackson, champion AT Tanager, ribbed/pacer with Canaan; (counterclockwise from left) Marley Belton, winner-up Grade A, champion Mark York and Joe d'Amico; (left) Brian MacArthur, Grand winner

## Angeles City hosts defining drag racing leg

Don't racing govt back to Angelenos City as top consideration to build up their bids for the 2012 Olympic bid in the third and penultimate leg of the 2012 Philippine Drug Racing Championship (PDR) Series on May 5 at the Clark International Speedway.

joined Jonathan Yu of *ACU* and William Hund of the *Wind Association* (AMBA) of the *Amateur* and *Amateur*. Martin Miron of *Amateur* the second row, the first listed in the *Amateur* for his *Amateur* and *Amateur*.

**RACE FOR LIFE** Runners answer the starting gun in the 4th Bayco Do-Do Race for Life held recently at the IMI Mall at dusk in Panaji. The 3K, 5K, 10K and 15K races raised P 1.7 million which will be used to fund the construction of community facilities in rural/semi-rural areas in Bigg's Concan, Cagayan de Oro. BDO Foundation plans to build 100 houses for the victims of Typhoon Nona in the coming 100 days. 100 houses will be constructed within 100 days.

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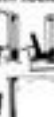
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# Judge lets Panamanian in rape case walk free

## DFA now says he enjoys diplomatic immunity

By Of Op and Mike Morales

IN A BATTLING twist to the case of a Panamanian man accused of raping a 19-year-old girl, a Manila City court has ordered the foreigner's release after the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) issued a second certification declaring that he in fact was covered by diplomatic immunity.

Arch Batasto Jorda, a judicial officer of the Philippine Maritime Authority, was released from police custody on Monday afternoon as the strength of an order from Judge Ricardo Guevarra of Manila Regional Trial Court Branch 37.

Earlier this month, the judge ordered the 25-year-old Jorda to undergo a rape test.

The head of the police Criminal Investigation and Detection Group Women and Children's Protection Division, says, Ena Lisa Libano, said her office complied with the court order and tested the 25-year-old Jorda at around 3 p.m.

Libano admitted that she was scheduled by the court to receive a document from the DFA after it earlier issued a document saying that while the suspect enjoyed certain diplomatic privileges, immunity from criminal prosecution was not among them.

"The first certification did not say anything that he had no diplomatic immunity... but the second certification specified it was that he had diplomatic immunity," Libano said this morning.

## 2 nabbed for robbery inside QC mall toilet

By Harry C. Carvajal

POLICE arrested two men on Monday for allegedly pulling off a robbery inside the toilet of a Quezon City mall, not by brandishing weapons but by using their intimidation and threatening their victim with a knife.

SP2C Reynaldo Blandin of the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group of the Quezon City police identified the suspects as Jonathan Sagrada, 29, a resident of Calabarzon City, and Mark Capason, 32, of Pinar Del Rio.

Sagrada said the two men arrived on Monday afternoon at the store alleged victim, Ronald Alina Macaron, reported a robbery that took place inside a toilet of Robinson's Galleria mall.

Macaron, 30, said he was forced to hand over his wallet and cash phone to the suspects after they threatened to kill him if he did not comply. He was released after he was taken to a hospital and given first aid. He was released to his family after he was taken to a hospital and given first aid. He was released to his family after he was taken to a hospital and given first aid.

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# Revived Manila Bay project slammed, defended

By Jaymie T. Santos

**WTF REBORN?** A project that was "killed" 20 years ago?

The Manila city government's plan to revive a 140-hectare reclamation project on Manila Bay has drawn both critics and defenders, the first hearing for the environment and the livelihood of small businesses, the other seeking more space and job opportunities for the city's expanding population.

The Interbay Group (Interbay) is urging Manila Mayor Alfredo Lim and the city council to "revive and reutil" the plan drawn in the April 17 law written alongside with private developer Manila Goldenland Corp.

The planned reclamation spans the western half of the city's portion under the Manila-Corona Coastal Road

Reclamation Project (MCRPP) of the Philippine Reclamation Authority. In 1991, the PRA, then called the Public Works Authority, awarded the project to Goldenland's parent company (PWA Development & Construction Corp.).

The Interbay and Goldenland areas to be reclaimed would extend from the Central Expressway to the Philippines complex to the US Embassy compound.

In a 1992 ordinance passed by the city government, however, the reclamation project on the bay and the project was deferred by the Office of the President.

In April last year, the PRA affirmed the reviving of the project to build a new city council last passed Ordinance No. 8223 authorizing Lim to apply for the reclamation, in effect

reopening the 1992 ban.

But Peninsula-based and BOC Manila Bay Governor Fernando Beng argued that, historically, reclamation projects on Manila Bay had only resulted in industrial fishing areas and mangrove forests and to the mass displacement of coastal communities.

"Why revive this moribund project? It's not even a fish from the ground really very," Beng said.

The Manila city government should instead focus on improving the existing land, he said. "It is not our task for Mayor Lim and his councilors to extend and re-claim the project. The reclamation project which was suspended 21 years ago should not be given a second life. Nothing more, nothing less."

But for Manila Councilor Jose

Chua, author of Ordinance No. 8233, the future reclamation area would have the city's new commercial hub, similar to that of Taguig City's Bonifacio Global City and Manila's East Avenue.

"Manila is already congested. It is high time we witnessed some industrial development," he said, when asked why the city government changed its mind on the 1992 law on reclamation.

Chua downplayed the feared environmental impact of the project, noting that when the PRA awarded it to Goldenland, the latter was required to comply with environmental standards and conduct in-depth studies.

"Let us have a re-evaluation. Look at what we will get in return: economic development, increased employment," Chua concluded.

## Protest stops demolition of Adventist property

By Julie M. Aurelio

**PROTESTERS** rallied and threatened to burn down the city government's plan for the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

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Team leader Rafael Talarin and the demolition team was in line with a reclamation project approved by the city government in 2003. The plan calls for the opening of a new major road that would run along the area of the school and the church as well as some residential lots. It also provides for the construction of commercial areas and industrialization of the area.

Talarin's team had to stop the demolition after several residents and churchgoers stood their ground.

Adventist pastor Nicholas Mearns said the school and church should not be part of the reclamation project under the Housing and Land Utilization Act of 2003.

He said the church in San Roque, Quezon City, had been in existence since the 1970s and that the school was established in 1995.

Another pastor, Jose Gomez said, he sought an assurance from the city government that the church and school would be preserved.

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**MANILA BAY** Despite warnings from the Department of Health, residents near Manila Bay like to swim for a playful moment, where they risk contracting viral diseases like dengue and hepatitis.

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## Complain about the weather, but Navotas fishermen like it hot

**NOT EVERYONE** is complaining about the recent high temperatures.

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"The land weather of the sea is hot, it's hot, it's hot," said a fisherman who said that the weather is hot, it's hot, it's hot.

One can easily tell from the fact that small fishermen are taking out a lot of fish from the sea that the weather is hot, it's hot, it's hot.

"Higher temperatures also mean that there will be no big waves in the sea," he said.

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For the past few weeks, he said, there is a high number of small fish caught in the fish port daily boat catch. In 2009, he said, he caught only about two months of a daily boat.

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## GRAB THEM WHILE IT'S HOT

A reader calls earlier for 712 such as a river in Manila as the weather bureau reports that temperatures in the capital may reach 34 degrees Celsius.

## Man linked to neighbor's death convicted 7 years later

By Julie M. Aurelio

**IN QUEZON CITY** a man who was convicted of killing a neighbor who had been killed 7 years later.

The second's denial that he committed the crime failed to convince the judge and the jury, a final verdict of the prosecution, the judge said in his ruling dated April 25.

Case records showed that on Dec. 18, 2006, the 42-year-old man, Benito Lumbao, was found dead in his room in a hotel. The judge said in his ruling dated April 25.

When the appeal was filed, the victim's death was found to be a homicide, the judge said in his ruling dated April 25.

Lumbao said he tried to defend the victim from the victim's death, the judge said in his ruling dated April 25.

But at the same time, the court said that Lumbao, a resident of Marikina City, was

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## The WORLD

Editor: Lawrence B. Gonzo



MCMA and Rose Padilla (right) talk to members of the media after the 2013 World's 50 Best Restaurant Awards in London on April 28.

## Danish restaurant is world's best again

LONDON—Danish restaurant Noma was crowned the world's best restaurant for the third year in a row in an annual list, beating out top entries in Spain, Brazil, Hong Kong, the United States and elsewhere.

Sho. Helgesson and Anders Farnes of Noma's 50 Best Restaurant Magazine, produced by British Restaurant Magazine, were awarded the 2013 award ceremony at London after voting by a panel of more than 800 chefs, restaurateurs, journalists and food experts who rated 1,000 restaurants. Noma's 2013 award was the "standard-bearer" for the new "best restaurant" award.

Helgesson said he was delighted to win the award for the third year and added that his team's philosophy was to create delicious food using locally sourced products.

"It's something about the ingredients. It's about nature, people growing food, being close to food. Connecting with ingredients, working hard to maintain a healthy ecology, the most delicious food is to eat it," he said.

But he added that despite his team's green credentials, it will manage to use off the north-west European philosophy that food is a bit of a ritual still holds.

"Sustainability is not a diet plan, we are a temple of deliciousness and an antidote to it, that's nothing wrong with it. It is not just a diet plan, it is a way of life. It is a way of life with delicious food and when it comes to you, you're supposed to feel better. It's a pleasure thing."

## Witness: 2nd shooter in Robert Kennedy killing

LOS ANGELES—There was a second shooter in the 1968 assassination of US presidential hopeful Robert F. Kennedy, a witness said in comments aired on Monday.

The new account came as the nation commemorated the killing. Sirhan Sirhan, with an appeal ruling over his conviction, with Sirhan's mother's help, is a witness to the killing.

"I was a witness to the killing of Robert F. Kennedy," Sirhan said. "I was a witness to the killing of Robert F. Kennedy in 1968 while running for the US presidency. Sirhan is a witness to the killing of Robert F. Kennedy in 1968 while running for the US presidency."

But Sirhan's mother, who was only 17 when Kennedy was gunned down in a Los Angeles hotel, said the case of her son's killing was not the only choice that he had.

"What has to come out is that there was another shooter in my eyes," she said. "There was another shooter in my eyes."

"There were two shooters, but most people are not aware of it."

# Suu Kyi ends boycott of Burma's parliament

RANGOON—Burma's opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi agreed on Monday to end her party's boycott of parliament, setting aside her first major dispute with the government since winning by-elections and clearing the way for what could be an acceleration of reforms.

Suu Kyi and her party will make their formal debut in the assembly on Wednesday after backing down over the ending of an early. She agreed to agree to a constitutional draft under military control that she would not support.

"In politics, it is essential to give and take," she said. "I have been thinking about this for a long time."

The government's offer to the end of the boycott and its consideration of the reforms made by lawmakers from democratic parties and independent parties has been decided in a national parliament. — AP

## 'Octomom' files for bankruptcy

ANITA FARR, California "Octomom" matriarch, filed for bankruptcy on Monday, saying it was a relief that she had to do so.

Suzy Berman, a friend and co-owner of the Octomom brand, said she was not involved in the bankruptcy filing.

"I have had to make some very difficult decisions that you and I have made," she said. "I have had to make some very difficult decisions that you and I have made."

The 41-year-old mother of 14 children, who has been in the business for 14 years, said she was not involved in the bankruptcy filing.

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## France's Sarkozy, Libya's Gadhafi in 'secret' nuke deal, says report

PARIS—A French magazine is claiming that President Nicolas Sarkozy and Libya's ex-leader Muammar Gadhafi reached a "secret deal" to end nuclear cooperation. The magazine claims that the deal was reached in 2007.

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## 103 dead as ferry capsizes in India

DELHI—At least 103 people were killed and more than 200 injured when a ferry carrying about 200 people capsized in the Bay of Bengal on Monday.

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## DPWH eyes P17B for tourism infra

### Agency submits proposal to undertake massive projects in '12, '13

By Rita T. Ochoyos

IT MAY take P17 billion worth of road and related projects to fully prep up the country's tourism industry, according to a proposal from the Department of Public Works and Highways (DPWH).

Public Works Secretary Rogelio L. Singson said in an interview that he and Tourism Secretary Mar Roxas have talked about the road projects needed to lay tourism areas all over the country.

"We are submitting 95 billion worth of infrastructure projects for 2012 and P12 billion for 2013 in support of the tourism sector plan," Singson said.

The economic development chair of President Aquino's Cabinet recently mandated the tourism road map.

The Cabinet chair is composed of the DPWH, National Economic and Development Authority and the Departments of Tourism, Budget and Management, Science and Technology, Fisheries, Energy, Agriculture and Local Government, Agriculture, and Trade and Industry.

Singson identified some of the infrastructure projects included in the DPWH proposal. "Road projects in Cebu and Bulacan cost P1.2 billion. In Palawan, there are projects like the Coron-Batangas and Taytay-Batangas roads, which, in

general, cost P100 million," he said. "Road projects in Puerto Princesa are estimated at P130 million. The roadwork in Iloilo is going to cost over P150 million. There are also projects in Baguio province, Surigao City, Cagayan de Oro City, Zamboanga, and other areas."

"On No other side is 'water now,'" Singson said he had submitted a proposal on the re-arranging of tourism and responsibility of water-related agencies.

"It's now being reviewed by the Office of the President," he said.

Cebu City, Tagbilaran City, and Puerto Princesa City are among the tourism areas to be supported by infrastructure work under the government's program alignment (PAP) according to the DPWH website.

Infrastructure Planning Director Eusebio M. Dela Cruz said the alignment of infrastructure projects with key programs, such as the tourism road map, was meant to maximize the impact of every peso spent.

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## Kinks in seamen program ironed out

## Malacañang EO reorganizes training of Filipino seafarers

Dr. Paula G. Thompson

The AGU-ENH-administrative has organized the regulatory framework for the trading of sulphur in the country as part of an effort to address the fragmentation of rules that have led international traders to shun the two biggest sulphur export destinations.

**Executive Order 12,755** gives under the Department of Transportation and Communications, through the Maritime Industry Authority (MAIA), is the sole agency responsible for the implementation of the 1978 IMO limited rules on standards of training, certification and watchkeeping (STCW) for seafarers.

The order, signed by Executive Secretary Juan P. Ochoa,

ing to the implementation of its responsibilities for the effective and efficient implementation of the STCW Convention.

The order will also change marked with and 2020, where amendments to the 1978 STCW convention was entered following a conference held in Manila. These new rules, known as the "Manila amendments," took effect on Jan. 1, 2021.

The country has less than 300,000 auditors working on various ships around the world. Most 50,000 of these workers are on-board EU vessels. Enabling auditors will not be beneficial for the time being, but new graduates may be better off if allowed to CEI study the issuance of certificates of competency for auditors, and the accumulation of maritime training centers. It is also more to ensure that the qualifications and experience of instructors and monitors are consistent to the STCW Convention.

## Court expert to decide on pipeline reopening

By Amy M. Brown

THE COMEY of Appeals is set to appoint its next subject who will determine whether the court will allow the reopening of the 117-kilometer oil pipeline owned by the Lopez-led First Philippine Industrial Corp. (FPIC).

The report will also include the findings and recommendations submitted by the Department of Energy, according to Energy Undersecretary Joe M. Lurie Jr.

The appeal was filed in the Court of Appeals in January, but the court said it will appear on its calendar in a brief period of time. The court said it will appear on its calendar in a brief period of time. The court said it will appear on its calendar in a brief period of time.

The energy chief is hoping for a speedy resolution of the matter as the appellate court has been granting the Supreme Court only 99 days to resolve the matter and announce the evacuation.

**Mandaluyong court junks  
BDO trademark suit**

By David C. Bordman

THE REGIONAL Trial Court of Manobo City has junked a trademark infringement and unfair competition complaint filed by European accounting group Miching BDO against the Philippines' Buena De Oro Bank.

In a ruling dated Feb. 27, Branch 211 of the International Brotherhood of Teachers (IBT) dismissed the case against BGC when it found that the bulk of the 150 family did not violate any membership rule.

"Further, the defendant is held guilty of unfair competition because defendant is the first user in the Philippine market of the mark BCO, such that it has already established goodwill in the local market and building industry because the elements of intent to deceive the public and defraud a competitor is lacking," said the court order granted by Judge Ochoa-Cala.

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# Kid-friendly garden community rises in Paco, Manila



One of the biggest garden communities in the metro has a new site in the heart of Paco district in Manila. Horizon Land, a subsidiary of Federal Land Inc., a member of the GTC Capital Holdings, Inc., is now building an ambitious project called the Peninsula Garden Midtown Homes (PGMH), an 80-unit condo to be built on a 2.3-hectare of land that will offer a unique garden community with kid-friendly features.

During the recent launch of the project's 4th-anniversary, the Manila Times, the nation's vice president of Peninsula Garden Midtown Homes, said that the Peninsula Garden Midtown Homes is located in a prime area to become the heart of its prospective buyers — kid-friendly, accessible and affordable.

"We envision the Peninsula Garden Midtown Homes to be a garden community and kid-friendly development that is geared more for the whole family," he said. "We want where-based Filipino families to

enjoy the amenities of garden living in the city at a more affordable rate — and without need for them to relocate to the suburbs."

The owners, Horizon Land, will allocate more than fifty percent of open spaces to enable the children to play at the same time, the young at heart to enjoy and cherish the various play and learning activities.

Horizon Land will also provide the necessary facilities to ensure that the facilities for use during the whole play time will be safe and relaxing — whether they are swimming at the kiddie pool, reading a book by the garden and the garden, or playing chess in the half garden at the development's own a garden room. Also to be put up as part of the open spaces is a playground and a jogging path for meeting and physical fitness activities.

There will also be venues for people who simply want to enjoy themselves with friends and loved ones in the comfort of their own homes. There'll be an indoor

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game room, a multi-purpose hall and a clubhouse that can accommodate a large group of people.

"To ensure optimum safety for the family and their kids, we've decided to install an indoor game room in a clubhouse located in the parking building. There is also a place to put a basketball court in the future," he said.

Once completed, Peninsula Garden Midtown Homes will also give parents and the kids' garden room to enjoy and cherish their family by having the gym or fitness area. While at it, they can also leave their children in a safe and secure environment even at the day care center. The Peninsula Garden Midtown Homes is also very strategically located, it is easily accessible to schools, hospitals and social establishments as well as major road networks such as the Quirino Avenue, United Nations Avenue and Pasig Avenue.

Moreover, its accessibility will also ensure maximum convenience for users such as Binondo and Makati in just a short time. This way, parents who work in offices can still have time to bond with their kids after office hours by staying there in their homes and playing with them.

Horizon Land, Inc. also incorporated safety and security in Peninsula Garden Midtown Homes. It has top of the line security measures to guarantee safety and privacy of the residents. There is a well-lighted entrance gate, a perimeter fence, CCTV system complemented by a 24-hour security and surveillance system. Also, it will be geared to take care of the facilities for the residents.

According to Mr. Baccani, the spacious and lush environment of the Peninsula Garden Midtown Homes brings a good feeling with the beauty of water surrounding the entire development. "This is supposed to bring good luck based on Chinese belief," he says.

For better utility of the midtown, the company will also include a shuttle service that can bring residents in and out of the community.

"We are, of course, confident our experts more experienced to come along as the project proceeds in development," he said. "We always strive to improve on our every project, introducing innovations as we go along for residents' benefit," he said.

Magical Times offers two-bedroom units ranging from 35.2 to 36.3 square meters. For more information, please call 497-8546 or visit [www.peninsulagarden.com.ph](http://www.peninsulagarden.com.ph). You may also come by for a tour of its model units at Quirino Avenue Extension - OTS (Perforancia), Paco, Manila.



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## UK beefs up presence in PH

Britain eyes expanded role in Asia Pacific growth area

By Rowan W. Damages

THE UNITED KINGDOM has beefed up its embassy staff in Manila with an additional six members and efforts to step up its engagement in Southeast Asia and the rest of Asia Pacific.

The British Foreign and Commonwealth Office said yesterday in a statement that the six are part of 30 new posts that the UK plans to add across its network of missions in Asia within the next three years.

By 2015, the UK would also have deployed 60 more staff members across Asia and 30 in India.

British Foreign Secretary William Hague, who visited Singapore last week, said these extra posts and diplomats "are the physical proof of our desire for broad and deep partnerships with Asia as a contributor for the 21st century."

Hague stressed the UK's long-standing focus on Asia and recognized the role of Europe to be more engaged in the region through developing free trade agreements, sharing expertise in specialist areas and being active in foreign policy issues in Asia.

"We believe there is no time to be lost in Europe's future to be more engaged and culturally open with societies of the Asia Pacific within the limits of its competences," he said.

## ₱11.2-B fund opened for SSS, GSIS members

SOME 1.6 million members of the Government Service Insurance System and the Social Security System can now tap a ₱11.2-billion fund to help finance their higher education.

Budget Secretary Renato B. Alas said yesterday that President Aquino had approved the amount committed for the education-related fund program (EAPF) that will be available to 1.4 million GSS members and 200,000 SSS members.

Alas said those members may use themselves or have the three-year degree programs and technical or vocational courses.

"The Aquino administration is committed to higher education as a vital investment for the country's work force," he said. "The EAPF

The initiative added that such heightened engagement also involves being active in foreign policy issues in Asia, like offering EU expertise to support regional integration in Southeast Asia.

"Our government will remain the first and often to develop the practical relationships and step up its commitment to support the vision over the long term," Hague said. "These countries in the region that choose to look to Britain will find a willing, active and robust partner for the 21st century."

Teresa Lando, deputy director of the British Embassy in Manila, said Hague meant "a clear statement of the UK's renewed engagement in the Asia-Pacific region and of the importance of working closely with key regional partners including the Philippines."

The last week, foreign ministers of the EU and of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (Asean) launched a new cooperation program that cost 20 million euros (₱26.5 million) to support Asian integration.

During the latest of the bi-annual Asian EU Ministerial Meetings held in Seoul, the ministers also finalized and adopted a new action plan aimed at reaching out to "all possible areas of cooperation" between the two regional groupings.

will also allow member families, due to develop talents essential to the workplace, as well as give professional development opportunities to competitive job seekers."

"Of the amount, ₱5 billion will come from the Department of Budget and Management. Used explanation that the subsidy from DMM was certified by the Bureau of Treasury as part of the on-cost dividend collection that government-owned or controlled corporations retained in the EPL.

Also, the GSS and SSS will provide a combined ₱6.2 billion in counterpart funding.

Alas said that under the EAPF ₱4.2 billion will go to GSS members while ₱7 billion will be for SSS members.

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# Meralco unveils smart innovations to SEIPI and World Electronics Forum



President Aquino III speaks before the joint SEIPI and SEIPI conference. Meralco MP Tony Yabes (inset) underlines the importance of technological innovations that benefit consumers and help spur economic growth, during the Smart Grid presentation made before conference participants (right).

Manoan presented in "Smart Grid Journey" to 300 top officials and executives of the electronics industry at the 18th Annual Industry Meeting of the Semiconductor and Electronics Industries of the Philippines, Inc. (SEIPI) and the 17th World Electronics Forum (WEF) in Cebu last week.

The conference, which was keynoteed by President Benigno S. Aquino III, gathered some of the industry's global and local leaders.

Strides over a glimpse of its plans to keep in step with the demands of the country's semiconductor industry, which fosters intelligent innovations that will allow its customers to better manage their electric consumption.

In his presentation, Meralco Vice President for Marketing and Customer Relations and Innovations for Antonio T. Yabes said the Meralco Smart Grid will provide network intelligence that will reduce to higher system reliability, faster restoration, and improve

customers with information as they manage their consumption better and save on their power bill.

"Meralco's pursuit of technological success, here is being on benefits for our customers, the community and the country. We want to reinvent for step with the dynamism of the rest of the world and contribute to nation building," he said.

He noted that Smart Grid would enhance Meralco's distribution network efficiency which would translate into voltage optimization and improved power quality.

Smart Grid is also a platform from which prepaid electricity, home area networks and other value added services can be launched.

It was the first time that the Philippines, through SEIPI, joined the WEF, an annual gathering of the world's leading semiconductor and electronics associations, which previously was held in the US, China and the United Kingdom.

# Go easy on LGU loans, banks urged

By Michele Y. Reyes

THE 2011-2012 fiscal year, Philippine has directed banks to be prudent in lending to local government units.

In a circular, BSP Deputy Governor Nestor Cerilles reminded them that under the Local Government Code, LGUs are only allowed 20 percent of their annual regular income for debt payments.

Thus, Cerilles said banks should require LGUs to submit a certificate stating their borrowing capacity before they can proceed.

"All banks are directed to adopt and adhere to the policy herein in granting loans

and credit accommodations to LGUs," he pointed out in the circular.

Since LGUs primarily depend on the national income allocations (NIA) from the government, but there are LGUs that seek additional funds, such as bank loans, to fund more projects and social services.

The circular was issued in line with the BSP's stance to help banks keep bad debts to a minimum as they increase lending to help accelerate growth of the economy.

Population and banks have been to hold more given their enormous liquidity, he added that prudent lending standards must be observed at all times.



CHAIKATPHET Philippines recently conducted an Anti-Money Laundering Seminar for its members and payroll partners. Around 30 executives from different companies attended the seminar conducted by Nestor Cerilles, Deputy Governor of the Philippine's compliance head.

# P11.2-B fund opened

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He and the DDO will release a P10,000 loan per semester at 4 percent interest payable over five years for all beneficiaries.

At the same time, the SSS educational assistance package will make available P15,000 per semester for three years.

The number can increase up to a total of P32,000 which must be paid within five years.

starting from the year that he or she graduated.

SSS members who take biannual exams can receive P1,500 per semester up to a total of P30,000, which must be paid within three years from graduation.

"Only 100 members with a monthly salary of P10,000 or less can avail themselves of the educational assistance benefits," said said Ben and N. Santiago.



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# Albion expects to start producing coal

**By David H. Brown**  
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# MWSS lines up water projects worth \$2B

Mix of big-ticket and small projects

**By David H. Brown**  
 The Metropolitan Water Sewerage District (MWSS) has a portfolio of water and sewer projects worth \$2 billion. The projects include a mix of big-ticket and small projects. The projects include a mix of big-ticket and small projects. The projects include a mix of big-ticket and small projects. The projects include a mix of big-ticket and small projects.

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## First Gen keen on joining Pagbilao project

By Jay B. Sison

**MANILA**—The Pagbilao geothermal project is attracting the interest of first-generation entrepreneurs, who are looking for investment opportunities in the energy sector.

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Top picks are Ayala, Alliance Global, MTRC

By Ben S. Reyes

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By Yusef R. Soliman

1400 IT have just concluded. But two Japanese car companies—Honda and Toyota—of the latter group.

Kabuto Toyota arrived in Europe and the United States in 1958, apparently on a mission to make the car, considering its growing popularity in the automotive industry.

According to Yusef Soliman, former White Car editor and author of the 2012 Toyota Camry, Toyota's first began developing passenger vehicles, and produced its first vehicle prototypes in 1955.

Soliman Motor Corp., according to some reports, later developed (under the name 15 Honda), including "Cambridge", also grew out of a family-owned home-making business. It developed into a worldwide, launching its first car, the Soliman, in 1958.

Next, then, it has specialized in small cars and sedans.

The two Japanese car makers received new orders from the Philippines last Thursday when they unveiled their respective all-electric (plug-in) sedans: Toyota's new Camry (1.4L, 1.6L, 1.8L, 2.0L, 2.4L, 2.5L, 2.8L, 3.0L, 3.5L, 3.6L, 3.8L, 4.0L, 4.2L, 4.4L, 4.6L, 4.8L, 5.0L, 5.2L, 5.4L, 5.6L, 5.8L, 6.0L, 6.2L, 6.4L, 6.6L, 6.8L, 7.0L, 7.2L, 7.4L, 7.6L, 7.8L, 8.0L, 8.2L, 8.4L, 8.6L, 8.8L, 9.0L, 9.2L, 9.4L, 9.6L, 9.8L, 10.0L, 10.2L, 10.4L, 10.6L, 10.8L, 11.0L, 11.2L, 11.4L, 11.6L, 11.8L, 12.0L, 12.2L, 12.4L, 12.6L, 12.8L, 13.0L, 13.2L, 13.4L, 13.6L, 13.8L, 14.0L, 14.2L, 14.4L, 14.6L, 14.8L, 15.0L, 15.2L, 15.4L, 15.6L, 15.8L, 16.0L, 16.2L, 16.4L, 16.6L, 16.8L, 17.0L, 17.2L, 17.4L, 17.6L, 17.8L, 18.0L, 18.2L, 18.4L, 18.6L, 18.8L, 19.0L, 19.2L, 19.4L, 19.6L, 19.8L, 20.0L, 20.2L, 20.4L, 20.6L, 20.8L, 21.0L, 21.2L, 21.4L, 21.6L, 21.8L, 22.0L, 22.2L, 22.4L, 22.6L, 22.8L, 23.0L, 23.2L, 23.4L, 23.6L, 23.8L, 24.0L, 24.2L, 24.4L, 24.6L, 24.8L, 25.0L, 25.2L, 25.4L, 25.6L, 25.8L, 26.0L, 26.2L, 26.4L, 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# Canary chameleon

## The latest and greatest Toyota flagship gets sportier lines

**Jasen Ang: This may have a shot at the COTY "roomiest interior" award.**

LIKE EVERY great automotive marketplace, the Toyota Camry has had to adapt to changing customer tastes to stay on top. The first Camry introduced in the Philippines took over the crown as Toyota's flagship—indeed, "Canary" sounds like the Japanese word for "crown." It is now somewhere lurking in its retirement, but many, many years ago, it was a car that was compared to its closest rival, the 1980s Accord and Nissan GLE. The Camry then was sufficient in terms of basic features, but it was not a car that was compared to its closest rival, the 1980s Accord and Nissan GLE. The Camry then was sufficient in terms of basic features, but it was not a car that was compared to its closest rival, the 1980s Accord and Nissan GLE.

The all-new 2012 Camry continues in the tradition of being a performance car, and now it gets a lot of sportiness as well. It gets 30 mpg in length and weight, yet looks elegant and sporty thanks to its new design. The Camry now has a sleek and aerodynamic look, and it is the spirit of its sporty design. The sides of the front bumper feature a natural finish, and the doors have a natural finish. The doors have a natural finish, and the doors have a natural finish.

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**Bethel Santos: The Camry bridges the gap between itself and its up-market sibling, the Lexus ES350.**

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TJ, THPC president Nicholas Bujala and other officials launch the new Camry in Manila.



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## Jekyll and Hyde limousine

### No World's Smallest

**THE SOUNDING** what are the three most popular cinematic eras and you'll most likely get three very common answers: the popular Toyota Camry, the well-known crossover sedan from Japan, the Honda Civic, a Chevy and very much alternative and finally the Subaru Legacy, simply because it looks so different, many people fail to understand its value of zero.

Especially noteworthy for racers is that they truly appreciate riding the symmetrical AFD system, and of course, the horizontally-opposed 2.5-litre 4-cyl inline engine it shares with the four-cyl cross-over compact M3. The P200 is like all competing racers: a superb driver's car. **ACB**

To say the Legacy has lost its corner like it's so full is an understatement. The compression is a perfect balance: a gothic firm and controlled as well as refined and comfortable. So it's the off-beat exhaust bubble characteristic in the lower register that catches the casual bystander off-guard, even when it's coasted along considerably. My driver and I like the cat burglar, and I smile, while I try to explain to him how the engine is laid out. He obviously doesn't understand why a engine is laid out so, and why anyone would go to the trouble of doing that. The engine will sound judiciously which perfectly describes how most people fail to understand the Legacy in its

Fortunately, a growing number of people are beginning to understand the legacy. The power output of 250-300 and 350 NM of torque needs compatible life to meet 18-cylinder iterative exhaust, but power is only 1000CV. On the fuel-rich power output jumps from suddenly as fuel-charged engines lose output more than doubling down.

Highly variable: **Good**

## Test Drive

The house is typical of American mid-century modern interior, high-quality plastics with a splash of silver lining, to live up what could have been critical inertia, with a 360 mm 2-spoke steering wheel that houses auxiliary controls for audio and cruise control. There is peach and ruble upholstery, vinyl paddle shifters for the forward automatic, hands where

## Test Drive



WITH PLATINUM Blue metallic body, rising interior not to mention a powerful engine, the luxury GT Sedan is great, unique, very fast and fun—but more engaging to drive than any of its competitors.

you're going up and down a rotating series of sand quickly as the tide flows onto the track. The water is excellent and is the most supportive and well-balanced in its class, perhaps the only true way of the legacy's sporting events should you overlook the small 5.5-liter lake in the ocean outside. The driver's seat features 10-way power operation, has dual-side climate control and a 10-speaker premium sound system with 8 speakers and MP3 disc connectivity via auxiliary input 3.5-mm jack. There are a good number of small storage spaces inside for your gadgets, books and reading materials as the power windows can also have a good time while you snuggle away in the lounge. The trunk easily swallows four 9-mph golf bags and has a divider through the center section that allows you to load long objects easily. The trunk opens with a 40-watt incandescent light and a 40-watt

around the cavernous trunk.

These multi-spoke alloy wheels with low-profile 225-60R18 tires improve R1000A's performance when suspended the Legacy and give a sharp responsiveness and feel on the road. The brakes though are barely able to contain the Legacy's performance potential, a point not to a number of Legacy owners' confusion this and many of them have switched to more aggressive brake pads, stainless steel brake lines and high performance brake fluid to improve feel, consistency and overall

The outside doesn't help, the way it does (and of both handsome and confident in its own way, but ultimately appealing to a crowd a generation younger than most people who can actually afford it. Perhaps in 5-7 years, the Legacy will have a far greater following when the late 20-somethings in early 20's crowd

more into a potter in their lives where they can afford a Legacy. There's a lot of Yukon alienation, a lot of Japan looking TROG, and a lot of anime motifs in the short novel. Chances (as in need) sprang and thumped, unlike the other over-estimated sensitive artists that had rick, rick, and rick because of the overdone (the last time).

Another big appeal is the Legacy's ability to get heated. A few northwesterds and a good amount of ECU, twisting with a flywheel means you gain you an easy 54 HP and almost 100 NM of torque. That's custom power gains indeed! Again, no other car in this class gives you that much power gain.

The Legacy is great, its unique, very fast and fun, far more engaging to drive than any of its competitors. This will be in many people's wish list in the near future.

### Adding excitement to the Lexus equation

**ON THE ROAD**  
Andy Spittle-  
Munroe

its rubber lipset made within the suspension and tightens the mounting while no more light above the discolored plaque turns from blue to red. Good, you can even turn off the whole thing. By control to protect your driving

However, most likely, money is more money money than types who don't fancy driving and really want to be there. These who want only quiet, chilled motoring need not worry about the engine's growth and start taking the risk, for the only happens when the V6 engine is switched on. In fact the normal driving mode, the V6 Sport is an option available. For conclusion, on the other hand, welcome the distinctive engine sounds and intense note to achieve their driving excitement.

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## Inclusive Growth Through Better Governance and Partnerships

For the 45th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Asian Development Bank in Manila, the theme is inclusive growth through better governance and partnerships. Among the topics are Asia's response to the global financial crisis, food security, urban disaster risk management, climate change, global financial inclusion, international financial safety nets, and development cooperation.



### Day 1 (May 2)

## Issues on Asia's rapid development tops agenda

A string of seminars that will run through mainly the problems of urbanization in the fastest developing region in the world will make up the elements on the first day of the 40th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Asian Development Bank (ADB), to be held at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC).

After AGM president Haruhiko Kuroki formally launches the four-day event that is expected to gather 3,000 of the world's most prominent names in business, investments and other financial circles, Ceres is sponsoring one of two kick-off seminars for the event called "Meeting the Water Challenge in Asian Cities - Up-Scaling Sustainable Practices" that will be held from 11 noon to 1:30 p.m. at Meeting Room 3 of the venue.

As the cancellable contract, examples from water utilities such as Phoenix Water Supply Authority (PWWSA) will be discussed with the aim of providing a template for the services of other utilities in the region.

Principal names in the Asian military sector and experts in the field, including Philippine Secretary Rogelio Singson, Department of Public Works and Highways, will meet there also.

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Manila 2012

Manila 2002 is the Philippine hosting of the 43rd Asian Development Bank Annual Meeting of Board of Governors from May 2 to 5. The annual meeting will be held at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC) to be attended by 4,000 delegates comprised of finance and economic ministers from 67 ADB member countries, government officials, business leaders, nonmember organizations, staff members, academics, and media.

In conjunction with this, the Philippine Corporate Investment Profiles (PCIP) will be launched at the IME Conference. Intend to showcase the best of what the Philippines can offer, investment on the theme "Building Opportunities through Good Governance and Partnerships: An Period to Include Growth and Development," the PCIP will highlight key industries in the country, namely, tourism and infrastructure, information technology and business processing outsourcing, and agriculture.

Recognizing the importance of public and private partnerships, the Management Association of the Philippines has been tapped as the local private sector partner of the Manila 2002.

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# PH to showcase economic potential at PCI Pavilion

The Philippines, one of the most resilient emerging market economies, will have its chance to show to the world its strength and potential via the Philippine Corporate and Investment (PCI) Pavilion, one of the highlights of the of the Philippine hosting of the 45th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Asian Development Bank (ADB), also known as Manila 2012, which will be formally opened today at the SMC Convention Center together with Vice President Jeonjong Bin as keynote speaker. ADB President Inazo Nitani, Finance Secretary Cesar Purisima, and Finance Secretary Cesar Purisima.

"The PCI Pavilion is seen as a venue to show the world the strength of the Philippines, one of the most resilient emerging market economies."

"The PCI Pavilion will serve as the venue for the Philippine Pavilion Exhibit, a story of the country's growth potentials in key growth drivers including infrastructure, agriculture, and tourism," according to Finance Undersecretary Lea de Leon, head of the Manila 2012 Host Country Secretariat.

"The PCI Pavilion is also the venue for the host country seminars which shall discuss economic and fiscal scenarios impacting the Philippines and Asia, as well as trends and developments on key industries," said de Leon.

The joint-man Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Center, together with the Philippine Contractors Association, prepared a thorough discussion on PPP, which is the pillar of the economic program under the Aquino administration.

Seminars that underscore the importance of infrastructure economic have also been organized. Financial Cooperation Institute of the Philippines (IFCIP) and Standard Chartered Bank have invited Singapore Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister Tharman Shanmugaratnam to speak about "Asia's Role in a Changing World: Challenges and Benefits to the Region," while the Management Association of the Philippines (MAP) has invited Malaysia's General Bank Governor Zeti Akmal Aziz to give a presentation focusing on Asia's outlook and the role of emerging markets in defining the region's future.

The seminar sponsored by Credit Suisse, on the other hand, will focus on the potential of getting business in integrated sectors to promote tourism in Asia. The Philippine Department of Tourism will discuss the tourism state and outlook of the country's tourism efforts.

The pavilion, which is located at the SMC Convention Center and is near the main venue of the ADB meetings at the Philippine International Convention Center (PICC), will also showcase the country's best exhibits and pavilions at the Philippine Pavilion Exhibit Host Country Reception for all delegates.

The activities, aimed at making the ADB meetings more exciting and meaningful for the delegates and guests, will run May 2-5.

"The PCI Pavilion exhibit is a chance to showcase the dynamism of the Philippine economy and our cultural values. We have put together an exhibit entitled 'The New Philippines in Action,' showcasing our country's new today: the growth potentials in sectors driving inclusive growth, specifically infrastructure and tourism," said Jeonjong Bin, director of the exhibit.

"Through this visit, foreign delegates and visitors will experience the Filipino unique relational and collaborative personality, marked by a history of transnational trade, pursuing new initiatives today," she added.

The annual meeting will be held at a most opportune time for the Philippines when the strong government vision of the Aquino administration is resulting in stronger, sustainable and inclusive growth.

"The PCI Pavilion exhibit is a chance to showcase the dynamism of the Philippine economy and our colorful culture."



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# Renowned musician Jim Paredes composes Manila 2012 song

"I am hoping they will pick up the optimism, the 'can-do' spirit, and the feeling that we are on the verge of a breakthrough as a country. I want them to see that we are shining now because our time has really come."

MUSIC critics of people, regardless of race and background, into an inspired melody one that is really subtle challenges with much hope and optimism.

Following this spirit, the Philippine government's Executive Secretary Commission assigned composer Manila 2012, the Asian Development Bank's 45th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors, support economic progress and innovation. The President, to create an inspiring theme song for the event.

The song aims to highlight the Philippines' resurgence by demonstrating its growth, accomplishments and capability to face a globally integrated and high profile event.

The year 2012 is an opportune time for the Philippines to host its annual Meeting as the country enters its golden era of economic growth, as well as the economic, social and political change that has instilled," says Department of Finance Undersecretary for Finance.

Manila 2012 is an event where 67 government and ADB member countries lead the discussion on growth and development challenges and opportunities in Asia and the Pacific. This year, the organization has chosen Manila as venue to exchange ideas on ADB's collaborative, financial and operational direction.

The song says Paredes' song, "Our Time Is Now," begins to ignite a sense of national pride among Filipinos. He adds that they give the composer a freedom on the lyrics and melody of the song.

"I have been, feeling inspired the past few months after hearing the good news that is happening in the country is now my primary inspiration, that's why I entitled it 'Our Time Is Now,'" Paredes shares.

He says, "I have been inspired by our Manila 2012, was all about, and he just summarized it correctly."

"When they asked me to do the song, I felt my feelings were open," he shares.

What's shining there now and the Sun in this place where reality is more far.

We are happening and waiting for the Sun. We have found our true place in this Sun.

My people of the world, let them see 'time has come! Our time is now, our time is now."

Paredes adds that it was challenging to write a song that is catchy, meaningful and inspiring because the Manila 2012 is set in a prestigious gathering of leaders who have different backgrounds and nationalities.

"Our Time Is Now" will be played throughout the four-day conference, where about 4,000 delegates worldwide composed of ADB's Board of Governors, economic and financial ministers, senior government officials, representatives of the local community, international business leaders, NGO representatives, and members of foreign and local media.

will get released. That's why Paredes says he just a lot of thought on the composition, while making sure he finished it before he is scheduled to leave for Manila for Australia.

"I worked with an arranger, Peter Blandy whom I have worked with for so many years, and Peter Blandy who did the vocal arrangement. It also got released and back-up singers to help interpret the final product. I finished everything before I left," he shares.

Blandy says he hopes, "Our Time Is Now" will have a life beyond the Manila 2012 event.

"It is hope that Philippines move forward economically because it inspired the attendees in the conference. I will remember the song to have lived beyond the event itself," he says. "I am hoping they will pick up the optimism, the 'can-do' spirit, and the feeling that we are on the verge of a breakthrough as a country. I want them to see that we are shining now because our time has really come."

"Our Time Is Now" will be performed live at the celebration of the event by the world-renowned Philippine band, The Roots.



Renowned musician Jim Paredes

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## Philippine bonsai artworks are world-class, too

By Soraporn S. Phetthi  
Cebu Bureau

THE FIRST civilization that practiced the art of dwarfing plants was the Chinese. They call it "penzai."

In the beginning, according to Chinese history, there was this plant artist called a "magician" for having created miniature rocky mountains with plants that looked misty or mistletoed due to the lack of soil. This earned the idea of cultivating plants in containers.

Plants were simply grown in rounded, bowl-shaped clay pots, and eventually became miniature trees through the gnarled and gnarled method. They were usually displayed in the courtyard of rich men based on leaders of the community, but taken care of by ordinary citizens.

It was said that the experts who were engaged with the government were away and

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applied as gardener with the imperial household of Japan. There he practiced his expertise in the art of dwarfing trees, which eventually influenced the Japanese plant culture seen, who sought to develop a new style.

They called it, "Yue sui" or "Yue sui" means put in tea, and "sui," is plant, herbally, means plants in pots or simply potted plants. Although the art originated in China, the Japanese were its most popular throughout the world. This was probably because the Japanese developed the art further with some innovations, and doing it with ardor and interest.

Yes, it was in Japan that basket art was fully developed. For example, they introduced different shapes and forms of containers, then classified the plastic into styles such as upright, slanting and expanding, mixing of bars, and displayed them at works in public for others to appreciate, most especially when Japan was opened to other countries of the world.

**Revised for the US**

I was just after the World War II when some of the American soldiers were assigned in Japan. When the soldiers were honorably discharged, they brought home some formal photos and the knowledge for collecting them so that those soldiers were greeted with developing boats set in the US. This was common in 1946, just after World War II.

For his role in the Chinese, Wu has been accused of being Hong Kong Ltd., who has quite a large collection of houses in Hong Kong, claimed that Communist originated in China. However, he revealed the Japanese for profiting the war.

In the Philippines, the Chinese who arrived in Manila long before the Spanish colonization were already growing lemons. This was mentioned by Spanish priest Fr. Odón Chirino in his writings, "Relacion de los frutos de las Philipinas," in 1590.

In Chapter 10, he described that the Dac was in Manila, were kind of placing bullet arms with the tools located in the corners of coral rooms placed in a basin with little water. When the plane was established with new houses, they displayed it in an altar at the base of their gods.

The word *brunet*, of course, was not mentioned because the Chinese have another name for it. But the art is exactly the same as

"To my fellow bonsai growers, let's not limit ourselves to the traditional ways. Art should evolve, so let's introduce innovations!"



what we are practicing now, which we call work pressure work shaping format.

We can therefore say that Sonnet art was already introduced in the Philippines before the Spanish times and probably before other Asian countries. But how come the art developed only sometime in the 1980s? This was probably because the 12th was large it is themselves. Besides, our ancestors were not educated, and unaware of such activities.

Just over a year ago, I got an e-mail from a friend titled "Tiny Kingdoms." I call it interesting in the sense that in most human hands published throughout the world, all you can see are just trees, either solo or in groups typed without any handwriting.

Marella Mossa Tessa, who writes in her column "The Japanese," describes Takemura Akio's piece as beautiful but lacking the most crucial to kotohiki's Zen garden. She further stated that this Japanese artist "combines Japanese art form with European architectural design to create some of the most stunning pieces you will ever see."

Also, explain how you make and a more if historic, what is the website that his design were derived from a museum that are products of his imagination.

Troma feathers said that it took Aliza three months to a year and a half to make each detailed piece.

**Close your eyes and think**

The piece called Hawaiian Struggles, set, according to Tiana, took him one full year to finish, while another was completed



**INTRODUCTION**

Should anyone want to see Adul's actions, you have to go to Japan. He says that one of his guests (Hirofumi de Michelis) is on display in the museum in Tokyo.

As compensation, I would like to share one (many) valued instrument. Being the proud to say that this was the cover of *Agriculture Magazine*, edited by Lee Sutton, in the issue dated March 24, 1990. At that time the author was 75 years old, so as of this writing, it is more about 22 years old.

Takemori's fiber's pieces were probably created about 10 years ago. This shows that he inspired the landmark discovery.

As founder of the Philippine Forest Society (PFS), I was asked to exhibit my piece sometime in 2009. This was held in Manila's La Shell. However, the organizers seemed reluctant to give the plant a better location, deeming it as an unlikely position.

Probably they considered it not really just because it was an innovation of a Filippine, or probably because such an idea could not be found in Chinese books. Now that the Japanese attacks are considered incoming places, Filippine seems to look

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Washington, D.C., and the U.S. Capitol. The building is a large, multi-story structure with a complex facade, featuring many windows and a prominent central section. The building appears to be a government or institutional structure.

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# LIFE & STYLE Parenting



## This dynamic mompreneur helps make 'babying' fun

Maiya Laca-Basmanian designs 'delicious,' adorable and durable products that make raising tots less of a chore

By Margi C. Enriquez  
Contributor

**R**IGHT IN the middle of a sales pitch on her self-made baby products, former lawyer, quasi-retired designer, entrepreneur Maiya Laca-Basmanian suddenly stops. She hears her two-year-old daughter crying in another room. "Is Maynard uncomfortable?" she asks.

Regaining her composure on realizing that her mother-in-law and nanny were on hand, Maiya didn't quite explain her late husband. The answer is typical of a mompreneur, a word that describes mothers who invest products for their kids and do business at home while raising their children.

A New York Times article, "If These Moms Can't Find It, They Invented It," attributes the rise of mompreneurs in the Internet and social media, which allow mothers to exchange ideas or conduct business without having to leave the house. "Research is also a means of channeling energy for ambitious career women who suddenly find themselves changing diapers and reaching for her supply cups," wrote NYT. Women traditionally do the sleeping in the family, but if they can't find what they like, they create it themselves.

Such is the story of Maiya and her merchandise, Spinkies & Snugglies, a local spin-off from mother Aliza Caramoran's mass Maiya by Pilosin in 1994. Maiya held the license to the brand 1999 to 1993 (Maiya by Pilosin was incorporated by the Gulf Star in 2001). She then worked in marketing for local and international companies.



SAFE with eye for toddlers

She last won global brand director for Pampers in Unilever's regional office in Singapore.

After giving birth to Maynard, Maiya decided to leave the corporate life. "I don't see myself traveling every other week any more, not being part of the family and not seeing the children," she says.

Like most first-time parents, Maiya and her husband, artist/creative designer Genaro "Triggy" Basmanian, wanted to give the best for their baby. However, the plethora of baby products they purchased, only a handful were useful, but were found wanting in style.

While living in Singapore, Maiya did all her research and established her network through the Internet. The result of their developed products according to the needs of her daughters, the set of vibrant, functional, fashionable, fun and safe lifestyle-like solutions to those in "necessity" that allow parents to look after their children with-out too much fuss.

### Cornish pillow

Spinkies' star product is the Butterfly Pillow, which will soon get an industrial design patent. While identifying observations, she saw a baby whose head and neck were propped on a U-shaped pillow that kept the head from bobbing. Researching on chiropractic cervical pillows, Maiya designed the Butterfly Pillow.

Through the Internet, she collaborated with a designer based in the United States who specialized in pillows. "We were making products from the US, I realized, transferred the technology and improved the design when I came back to the Philippines," says Maiya.

Unlike the bulky nursing pillows, the Butterfly Pillow can act as a baby support to assist the infant's physical development. Maiya explains, "The nursing time is the first three months, we discovered that when the baby lies on its tummy on the pillow, the baby is forced to push up. When I leave the baby for 15 to 20 minutes, it strengthens the back and supports the baby for crawling. It also prevents rolls in the baby when they sleep. When the baby is six months old, you can use it for sitting support. For the one-year-old, it can be used for sleeping, especially when the child has a cough or cold and the head needs to be raised."

A content writer at Think Maiya for the Spinkies pillow, she three-month-old baby had

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## Glam gal gets down and dirty

By the End of January 1949

CC was quoted in a mail, distributed and wearing satyr clothes and slippers, looking wrong with flip-flops. But she should have realized how less fine.

Again, in a popular swimming hole, GC was seen having a loud, almost violent altercation with a female fawn. This was one of the same gender GB.

### Midwest

When he was younger, Bushnell liked to get drunk in a party. One of the employees in the region, a Clint Case, offered him to drop in the office, rather than his driving.

While Bert was snoozing, CC got busy on the unconscious guy. It wasn't RF's first close encounter of the queer kind, however. When he was a teenager, gay schoolmates had reportedly taken turns.

Shaw, 1994]

When a cab driver in an urban downtown area that his passenger was Filipino, he gleefully recalled an encounter with Coco Karon of a politician whom he once backstabbed.

The soldier said CS engaged him in a standoff and bragged about his family's wealth and power. So did CS give the drop in a commemorative gift? Apparently not.

### Mini-Case Introduction

It's being whispered about in the law offices of a major vendor: Jailed by cell hunger, Stanley Scher seemed to have liberation suddenly dropped from a high-profile project.

It is complained to the beauty of M's "inappropriate behavior" and other signs. Of course, death-curse itself and its results.

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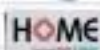


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AT ALL TCM CINEMA LOUNGES







QUTU Uma Thurman in the May 20 episode of "Tomb Raider" shows a Broadway musical based on the life of Marilyn Monroe. Uma stars as Robert Duvall, a movie star

who could make "Martyr: The Musical" a hit. "Martyr" was broadcast, 9 p.m., on Over Entertainment (Asian Satellite Cable Channel 40; Cablesat Ch. 37; Asian Satellite Ch. 53; Global Service Ch. 40; Asia Cablesat Ch. 37).



AC/DC (left) arrives Quito, Ecuador, right, helps young girl Bartola Fortuna with a scene on the set of "Buenos Noches."



Actress Gina Alajar gets behind the camera for this Kapuso series

By Raymond Scott, Editor in  
Chief, *Los Angeles Times*

In Hollywood, Steven Seagal (*Overkill*) and Julie Warner (*Locally, Your's*) *London Calling*.

Based on many reviews, *Don Matys* joins the cast variety with his regular directorial work on the GMA 7 show *Unang*

Super, who also plays a long-suffering uncle in the Japanese television soap *13 Hours in Prison*,<sup>1</sup> divides her time between on-screen and off-screen duties.

"When I finally got to work one hot day, I find that my mail is 'Full.' There have been typos in my mail," she said.

Blackca, 1990

Young Express and Stuart King, who wants to be director as well, considers

Major and Giffen her back. "We good for her that, at such a young age, she already knows what she wants out of life," Major said of Tim.

Alison will contact setting workshops at the Center for Media Arts of St. Joseph's College starting May 1.

She learned how to direct by observing on set. "I was all into," she said.

She said she consulted her mentor, the late National Aeronautics and Space Administration director Lyndon B. Johnson, on her plans to direct movies. (She directed an episode in the 2007 miniseries "Wings.")

### Brock's tips

"I asked him for tips," she recalled. He gave her a piece of advice that made a lasting impression. "I also said that when off the hills, stick to basics. Forget worldly-flesh money; our god as directors is just to tell a story."

Mrs. Simon-Baronnet, active member of the House of Representatives, also gave her concluding address.

<sup>3</sup> I started with a segment on my in the TV show "True Story" six months. When I began working with two centers on other TV shows, Michael told me: "Remember that Julius 300 is one (center) and I have

(Ergebnis 1 ist also Kreuzungsergebnis):

Speaking of her ex-hubby, she said the bad long marriage the reason of their separation and had no problems living with him again—as in the TV show *Shelby*.<sup>7</sup>

"We're on speaking terms now. We see each other when we visit our grandchild with our son Ryan (Eggmann). I wouldn't have been different if we were still quarreling. It wouldn't have been impossible to work together," she explained in a post. "Like Mack and I did."

(She was returning to Dr. Miral's London Mark III and Saturn guitars. Jacob, who was in the zone of "Volcano" as well, Alpha has been killed off in the Hospital to stop and to back Wolf there by GMA.)

When she gets to talk in the home care is the time she gets to show that she is her own organization as a woman child and not just a child?

"I don't want to sound greedy, but I would like to go away on tour, to have no work," she added, laughing. "But in the past, whenever Sara Green (Green Means Go) teased me saying that, he'd shake me. That you didn't listen to me and now look! Michael when you were a teenager!"



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